



2007 Indiana State Fair



Year of the Corn





August in Indiana means one thing for most Hoosiers – the Great Indiana State Fair. Governor Daniels and I were on hand for the opening ceremonies, celebrating the Year of the Corn.



The 2007 Miss Indiana State Fair, Nicole R. Harris, shared the stage with me at many of this year's events. I had a chance to talk to her about her responsibilities after the opening ceremonies.



Governor Daniels and I showed off our skills at the corn shucking contest along with Terry Hoffman, Mayor Bart Peterson, Kyle Hupfer, and Miss Indiana State Fair.



During the fair, I had the opportunity to speak to many different groups from all over Indiana. One Saturday, I joined the Indiana 4-H Foundation for breakfast to support our nation's premier youth development program.





Director of Lawrence Early College, Dr. Kay Harmless came to the fair with a group of her students who are also part of my Hoosier Agribusiness and Science Academy.

It was a great day for them to learn more about Indiana's agricultural industry.





The fair also gave me the opportunity to thank many Hoosiers for their efforts in creating a better Indiana. I was happy to present retiring Dr. David Petritz of Purdue University with a Distinguished Hoosier for his contributions to agriculture.



I joined the Indiana Soybean Alliance, North American Midway Entertainment, and the State Fair in announcing that this year's Midway rides are all running on renewable energy—soy biodiesel.





The Farm Bureau Pancake Breakfast gave me a chance to catch up with old friends and make new ones, too.



Indiana Farm Bureau made a generous donation to the Indiana FFA Foundation in support of agricultural education. The State FFA officers received the check.



The State Fair draws visitors (and cows!) from all over the state. I met Hoosiers from Salem to Shipshewana, and from Winchester to Washington.





I was honored to present the very first AgriVision Award to Sonny Beck for his efforts in moving Indiana agriculture forward.

Each of the outgoing ISDA Ag Advisory Board members received a Distinguished Hoosier Award in thanks for their service.





I congratulated the winners of this year's INDOT truck "roadeo" competition and thanked the staff for their help in making Indiana a safer place to live and work.



Thanks to everyone who attended and those who made this another great state fair. I'm already looking forward to 2008.



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